# COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE PUBLIC RECORDS

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Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the Office of Public Records in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.

# SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING

Name of Traveler: Senator Chris Coons	and Michael Coons
Employing Office/Committee:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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August 15-18, 2019 Travel Date(s):	•
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Post-Travel submission had the wro	ong date; the correct invitation letter was included
in the pre-travel submission.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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# PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

Spo	International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) onsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
— De	Familiarize and educate the delegation about the impact of U.S. investment in
inte	ernational conservation and its impact on poverty alleviation and economic development
Da	tes of travel: August 15-18, 2019
Pla	ce of travel: Nairobi, Kenya; Naboisho and Mara North Conservancies, Kenya
Na	me and title of Senate invitees: Senator Chris Coons, Senator Chris Van Hollen
	(A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal <u>and</u> no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
X	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
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	The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement.
X	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)  I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a				
	foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:				
	(A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.				
	(B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).				
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.				
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)  If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:				
	N/A				
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.				
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:				
	ICCF identified the topics of the briefings and the speakers for this delegation and organized logistics				
	of lodging and travel. ICCF is providing all funding.				
13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission: ICCF educates policymakers on issues of conservation and good natural resource management. This				
	mission allows participants to experience first-hand how U.S. investment in international conservation is				
	contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development in the region.				
14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:				
	ICCF has hosted many congressional educational trips including attendees from the House and Senate				
	to Brazil, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique, the Galapagos, Costa Rica, etc.				

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Name and Title: John Gantt, ICCF President	-
Name of Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)	
Address: 1200 Potomac St. NW, Washington, DC 20027	
Telephone Number: 202.471.4222	*
Fax Number:	

#### <u>Instructions</u>

(Do not file the Instructions with OPR)

#### **General Instructions**

- The Senate Select Committee on Ethics ("Ethics Committee") has developed guidelines for evaluating privately-sponsored trips and for judging whether trip expenses are reasonable. Trip sponsors should consult the Senate Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, including the Glossary of Terms, prior to filling out the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and contact the Ethics Committee at (202) 224-2981 with any additional questions. The Ethics Committee will make the final determination as to whether the expenses incurred during a privately-sponsored trip are reasonable.
- If there are multiple sponsors, they should jointly complete one Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form for the trip. Each travel sponsor should complete the signature block.
- When evaluating a trip proposal and judging the reasonableness of expenses, the Ethics Committee will consider the following factors:
  - a. the stated mission of the organization sponsoring the trip;
  - b. the organization's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips, if any;
  - c. other educational activities performed by the organization besides sponsoring congressional trips;
  - d. whether any trips previously sponsored by the organization led to an investigation by the Select Committee on Ethics;
  - e. whether the length of the trip and the itinerary is consistent with the official purpose of the trip;
  - f. whether there is an adequate connection between a trip and official duties;
  - g. the reasonableness of the total amount spent by a sponsor of the trip;
  - h. whether there is a direct and immediate relationship between a source of funding and an event;
  - i. the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel published annually by the General Services Administration, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense;
  - j. whether travel to a location or event is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation, or whether it is specifically organized for Congressional staff; and
  - k. any other factor deemed relevant by the Select Committee on Ethics.

Consult the Senate Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, including the Glossary of Terms, for further discussion of these factors.

- Responses to each question should be brief, consistent with the requirement to provide all relevant information. Attach additional pages, as necessary.
- To allow sufficient time for the Ethics Committee to review requests for privately sponsored travel, the participating Senate Members, officers, and employees must submit the completed form to the Ethics Committee at least thirty (30) days before the date of the proposed trip.

# Filling out the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (Question by Question Instructions)

- 1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): A sponsor of a trip is any person, organization, or other entity contributing funds or in-kind support for the trip. A sponsor must have a significant role in organizing and conducting a trip and must have a specific organizational interest in the purpose of the trip. If Members, officers, and employees are participating in an event or fact-finding trip in connection with their duties, they may accept necessary travel expenses only from the event or trip sponsor.
- 2. Description of the trip: Provide a brief statement about the purpose of the trip.
- 3. Dates of travel: Provide the dates of departure and return.
- 4. Place of travel: Provide the destination(s) for the trip.
- 5. Name and titles of Senate invitees: Provide the name and title for each Senate Member, officer, or employee who is invited on the trip.
- 6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories: A Senate Member, officer, or employee may accept privately sponsored travel only from sponsor(s) of a trip that fits one of the categories listed. Consult the instructions for question 9 to determine if the trip meets the lobbyist accompaniment standard.
- 7. Financing of the trip, earmarked funds and in-kind contributions: Senate Members, officers, and staff may not accept privately-sponsored travel funded by a registered lobbyist or foreign agent. Members, officers, and staff may not participate in privately-sponsored travel when the sponsors accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked for this particular trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal. Earmarking includes any direction, agreement, or suggestion -- formal or informal -- to use donated funds, goods, services, or other in-kind contributions for a particular trip or purpose.
- 8. Lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal involvement: Senate invitees may not participate in trips planned, organized, arranged, or requested by a lobbyist or foreign agent in more than a de minimis way, which means negligible or inconsequential. It would be considered inconsequential for one or more lobbyists or foreign agents to serve on the board of an organization that is sponsoring travel, as long as the lobbyists or foreign agents are not involved in the trip. It is also permissible for a lobbyist to respond to a trip sponsor's request to identify Senate invitees with interest in a particular issue relevant to a planned trip. However, a lobbyist is not allowed to solicit or initiate communication with a trip sponsor, have control over which Senate employees are invited on a trip, extend or forward an invitation to a participant, determine the trip itinerary, or be mentioned in the invitation.

Example: A trip sponsor that is a § 501(c)(3) non-profit organization asks a lobbyist to recommend staffers who might be most interested in joining a trip to the U.S.-Mexican border. If a lobbyist knows a staffer who has a particular interest in the DEA's activities at the border, then providing that information (in light of the trip sponsor's request), in and of itself, would not exceed a de minimis level of participation, and would be permitted. However, it would not be permissible for the lobbyist to initiate contact with the trip sponsor to suggest that a particular Senate staffer be invited or forward an invitation to that staffer. Consult the instructions for question 9 to determine if the trip meets the lobbyist accompaniment standards.

9. Lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal accompaniment standards: Senate Members, officers, and staff may not accept privately-sponsored travel from an entity that retains or employs one or more federally-registered lobbyists or foreign agents unless one of the listed scenarios applies. At any segment of the trip means lobbyists may not accompany the Senate invitee for parts of the travel to and from the event (not at the event itself or the location being visited). At any point throughout the trip means lobbyists may not accompany Senate invitees at any point to and from the event, at the event itself, or at the location being visited, other than in a de minimis way. This is a broader prohibition than the at any segment of a trip standard.

"De minimis" exception: Both lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal "accompaniment" prohibitions include a de minimis exemption. De minimis means negligible or inconsequential. The mere coincidental presence of a lobbyist or foreign agent at an event would likely be considered de minimis. But in making the final determination, the Ethics Committee will consider the totality of the circumstances, including the amount of time lobbyists or foreign agents are present at the event; the amount of direct contact they have with Senate invitees; and the amount of control a trip sponsor has over their presence or contact with Senate guests. For example, if the trip includes attendance at an event considered widely-attended under Rule 35(1)(c)(18), the trip sponsor is unlikely to know all attendees present. Thus, it is likely to be permissible for such widely-attended events to include both a Senate guest and a lobbyist. Similarly, an organization cannot possibly know all the other passengers taking the same flight or other common carrier to a given destination. Accordingly, the sponsor does not need to certify that it knows for certain that no lobbyist or foreign agent will be on such a common carrier.

- 10. If travel includes two overnight stays: The Ethics Committee may approve two overnight stays for trips sponsored by an entity that employs or retains one or more lobbyists or foreign agents under certain conditions. Consult Committee regulations for additional information.
- 11. An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form: The Ethics Committee will not review the trip request without a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete and final itinerary for the trip. As a general matter, the Ethics Committee advises that each travel day contain a minimum of 6 hours of officially-related activities for Senate invitees.
- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: A sponsor must have a significant role in organizing and conducting a trip and must have a specific organizational interest in the purpose of the trip.
- 13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

  Provide a brief description of the stated mission of each sponsor and how it relates to the trip.
- 14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips: Provide a brief discussion of the sponsor's history of sponsoring congressional travel. It is not necessary to list every trip.
- 15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips): Provide a brief description of the educational activities performed by each sponsor. It is not necessary to list every individual activity; the description may be by kind or category of educational activity involved.
- 16. Total expenses for each participant: Indicate whether the figures provided are actual amounts or good faith estimates by checking the appropriate box. All trip expenses should be included. Expenses other than those for transportation, lodging, and meals must be individually listed and specified. Attach additional pages as necessary.

- 17. Congressional participation: For events that are arranged without regard to congressional participation (for example, annual meetings, conferences, seminars, and symposiums of trade associations, professional societies, business associations, and other membership organizations), the Ethics Committee may, but is not required to, allow Senate Members, officers, and employees to accept lodging and meal expenses that are commensurate with what is customarily provided to non-congressional attendees in similar circumstances. For events specifically arranged around congressional participation, lodging, meal expenses and other expenses must be "reasonable" in accordance with Ethics Committee regulations.
- 18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The location of the trip must be related to its purpose. A brief but detailed description of the reason for the selection of the location must be provided.
- 19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility: Include the exact name and address of the hotel or other lodging facility.
- 20. Reasons for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Provide an explanation of the sponsor's rationale for selecting the particular lodging, include information such as proximity to the airport or site to be visited.
- 21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participant compare to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel: Where feasible and available, trip expenses for lodging and meals should generally be comparable to the government per diem rates. The circumstances surrounding a particular trip may legitimately require lodging and meal expenses to exceed these rates. Consult the Ethics Committee regulations for additional information.
- 22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided: While coach or business-class fare may be accepted, first-class fare for any mode of transportation may be permitted only under limited conditions and only with specific prior written approval by the Ethics Committee. Transportation on a private or charter aircraft is not permitted for privately-sponsored travel under any circumstances.
- 23. Expenses for recreational activity or entertainment: The only recreational or entertainment activities that will be approved by the Ethics Committee are those that are provided to all attendees and are an integral part of an event.
- 24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event: Entertainment expenses that are not provided to all attendees and deemed an integral part of the event will not be approved by the Ethics Committee.
- 25. Certification: Each sponsor of a trip should sign the form and certify that the information is complete and correct. Attach additional pages with the certification and signature block, as necessary, for each trip sponsor.

Addendum to Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form August 15-18, 2019
Republic of Kenya
Sponsored by ICCF

## 16. Cost Breakdown

Lodging: \$815.00 total (\$300 per night in the Mara. \$215 per night in Nairobi)

Transportation: \$925 (\$350 roundtrip from Uganda, \$500 roundtrip for Safarilink flight, \$75 ground transportation for the day in Nairobi.)

Other: \$477 total (\$121 conservation fee per day in Mara, \$80 per day field activities in Mara, \$75 for tips total trip.)

22. Coach flight from Nairobi into the Mara. Charter flight is being used to return to Nairobi from the Mara. A charter flight is necessary because there is no commercial flight that would allow for the completion of ICCF's programming in the field.



# Advancing U.S. leadership in international conservation through public and private partnerships and developing the next generation of Congressional conservation leaders

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July 26, 2019

The Honorable Chris Coons and Michael Coons United States Senate Washington, DC

Dear Senator Coons and Michael,

We are pleased to invite you to join a U.S. Congressional Delegation to visit the Republic of Kenya from August 15 to August 18, 2019, inclusive of travel days.

The purpose of this mission is to educate the delegation about the critical role that conservation and sound natural resource management play in poverty alleviation, sustainable economic development, and regional security for Kenya and other developing countries of the world. The mission will focus on both terrestrial and marine conservation and the role of U.S. investment in the region.

We have extended an invitation to the following Member of Congress and son to join the delegation:

Senator Chris Van Hollen and Nicholas Van Hollen

While in Kenya, the delegation will meet with government officials and leading local and U.S.-based conservation organizations.

Through this mission you will gain a firsthand look at innovative ways that U.S. investment in the region is providing invaluable support to the region's biodiversity conservation and management efforts while strengthening the ability of local people and organizations to manage and conserve species, habitats, and ecological processes, both marine and terrestrial.

The delegation will also learn about important issues relating to Kenya and East Africa, including collaboration with nongovernmental organizations, research centers, communities, and other stakeholders, to facilitate the protection of these land- and seascapes. No portion of the course or trip is financed by a lobbyist or a registered foreign agent.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about this remarkable part of the world and the efforts that are underway to ensure its conservation for the benefit of local communities and the world at large for this and future generations.



Attached you will find general background information about the International Conservation Caucus Foundation and a brief working itinerary.

We look forward to having you join us.

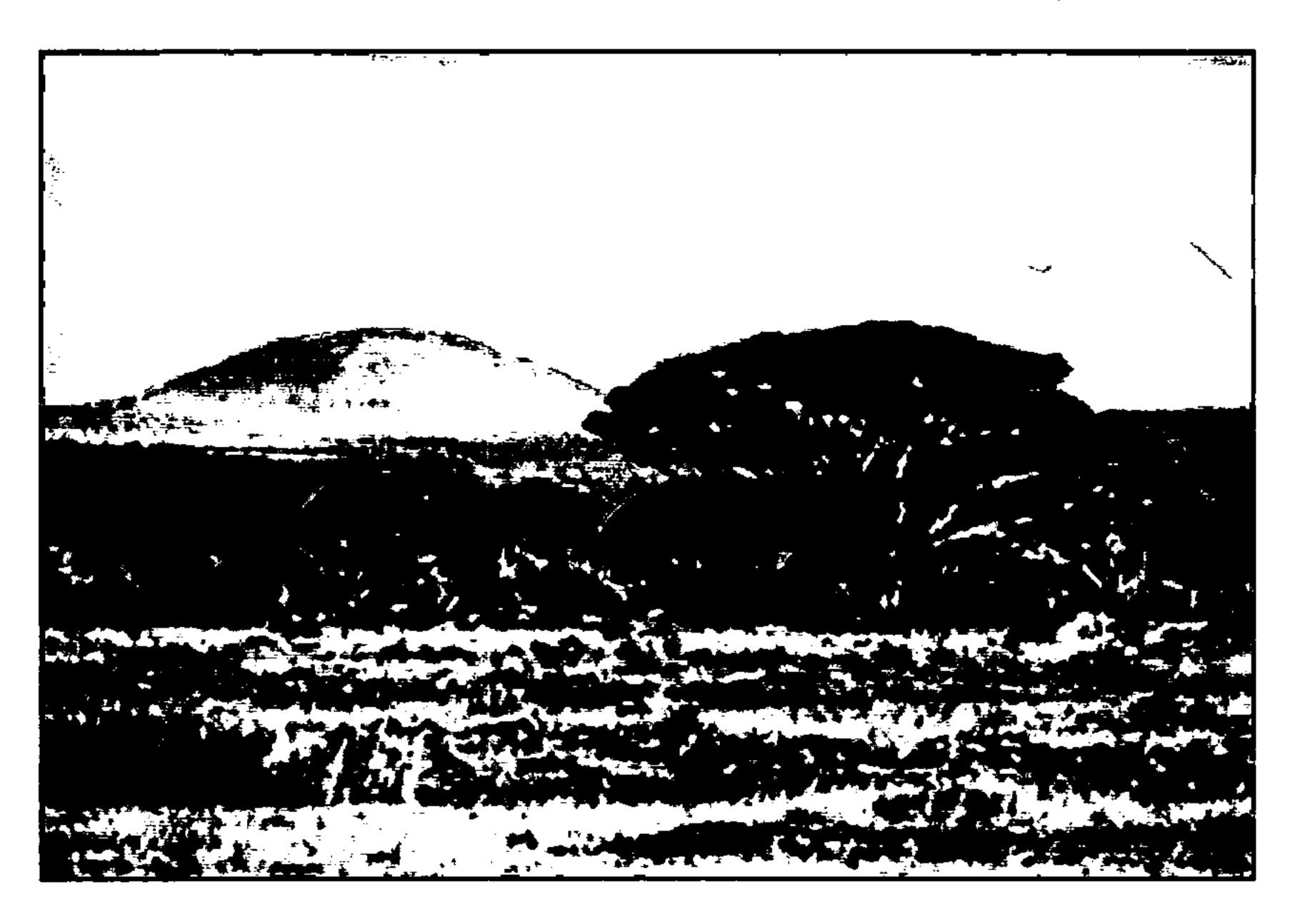
Sincerely,

Carolyn Weis Program Director





# U.S. Congressional Delegation to Kenya



August 15-18, 2019





### U.S. SENATE

# Member Delegation to The Republic of Kenya

# Day 1, Thursday, August 15th:

1:45 pm

Depart Entebbe for Nairobi.

2:55 pm

Arrive in Nairobi (JKIA) at 2:55 pm. Retrieve luggage

Each member of the delegation will receive a briefing book that will cover general topics on Kenya (historical summary, current economic & political conditions, current bilateral and multilateral programs and funding, and other aspects of U.S.- Kenya relationship), as well as

detailed information on conservation work and all site visits planned.

3:30 pm

Depart JKIA Airport to Fairmont Hotel.

4:30 pm

Arrive at hotel. Get rooms and clean up for meetings and dinner.

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Dinner with Parliamentary Conservation Caucus-Kenya Members and conservation partners.

Members of the delegation will have dinner with Kenyan legislators, including members of the Parliamentary Conservation Caucus-Kenya; Administration officials, including the Minister of Natural Resource and Tourism; and the U.S. Ambassador to Kenya to discuss a range of topics, including the caucus model, the African poaching crisis, U.S. investment in the country, etc. Key conservation NGO and business partners will also participate to discuss

their projects and investment in the region.

Accommodation:

Fairmont Hotel, Nairobi

# Day 2, Friday, August 16th:

# Topic: Meeting with the President and arrival in Maasai Mara

8:30 am-9:30 am

Breakfast briefing with Susan Lylis, Vice President ICCF.

Briefing over breakfast to introduce topics that will be discussed during the trip, including transboundary conservation, community conservancies, the African poaching crisis, etc.

10:30 am-11:30 am

Meeting with President of Kenya, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta. (TBC)

Members of the delegation will meet with the President of the Republic of Kenya to discuss a range of topics, including sustainable development, the African poaching crisis, U.S. investment in the country, etc.

Noon

Lunch and pack

1:00 pm

Head to Wilson Airport in Nairobi for afternoon flight to Naboisho Camp in the Maasai Mara Conservancy. Ol Seki Airstrip. SafariLink Airways.

3:00 pm

Depart SafariLink flight to Ol Seki Airstrip.

Located in Kenya adjacent to the Masai Mara National Reserve, this private conservancy is a ground-breaking project of tourism benefiting conservation and community. With its high concentration of wildlife, and generous personal space and freedom on offer, visitors enjoy exceptional wildlife encounters. The Mara Naboisho Conservancy in Kenya is home to the big cats — in impressive numbers — and herds of elephant, giraffe, and wildebeest. The 50,000-acre conservancy is made up of land contributions from 500 Maasai landowners. The conservancy fees provide the Maasai community with a sustainable livelihood and ensure the conservation of the wildlife in this vital corridor of the Masai Mara ecosystem.

4:30 pm

Arrive and check in to Naboisho Camp

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Welcome briefing over by Naboisho Camp staff

Allan Earnshaw, from Kenya Wildlife Trust, will provide an overview of the park, its habitats, and its biodiversity. ICCF staff will also go over the trip itinerary with participants and answer any questions.

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Dinner Briefing at the camp with Daniel Sopia, CEO of the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA) on the importance of community conservancies in the region

Representatives of the Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association and the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association will brief the delegation. The Maasai Mara is Kenya's most important wildlife and tourism area. Roughly 25% of Kenya's wildlife resides within the greater Maasai Mara region, a 4,500 km2 wildlife landscape comprised of the 1,510 km2

Ď Š Maasai Mara National Reserve (MMNR) and 3,000 km2 of adjacent community and private lands. This area includes the key dry season range for the largest animal migration left on Earth.

The long-term conservation of this ecosystem depends on choices made by the Maasai and other landowners who control two-thirds of the greater Mara. Since the 1970s, when Maasai communal lands were subdivided into individual parcels, farming, settlements, and fencing have spread significantly, leading to the loss of more than half of all wildlife in the Mara between 1977 and 2001.

In the face of these challenges, local Maasai landowners and innovative tourism operators have joined together over the past decade to create conservancies on private lands across the Mara ecosystem. Conservancies are formed by pooling hundreds of individual properties into larger wildlife, tourism and livestock management entities, connecting otherwise increasingly fragmented landscapes. The conservancy landowners receive a monthly lease payment from tour operators using the area. Conservancies are managed by stakeholder conservancy boards, representing landowners and tourism partners.

There are now 15 conservancies in the greater Maasai Mara, covering 1,394 km2 and increasing the region's total protected area coverage from 33% to 64%. The conservancies support the livelihoods of approximately 13,500 households, or an estimated 100,000 people. Lease fees paid to conservancy landowners totaled \$7.5 million in 2017, demonstrating the potential for wildlife conservation to generate significant local economic returns. Conservancy governance structures bring transparency and increase participation in lease structures and benefit sharing. Benefits extend beyond the lease payments, with 1,600 people — mostly residents of the Mara — employed at nearly 50 conservancy-based tourism camps, while more than 250 conservancy-employed rangers help protect wildlife across the landscape.

Though still relatively new, conservancies are starting to show exciting conservation promise, providing critical habitat for a range of key species and leading to local wildlife recoveries in some areas. Recent research demonstrates, for example, that lion densities in the conservancies are actually higher than in the Maasai Mara National Reserve itself.

Accommodation:

Naboisho Camp

Day 3, Saturday, August 17th:

Topics: Community Conservancies

6:30am-10:00am

Breakfast briefing in the field with Mara Predator Hub staff on Mara Predator Conservation and the Big Cat Project

The Maasai Mara ecosystem contains globally significant populations of large predators, including lions, cheetahs, wild dogs, leopards and others. Understanding how these species interact on the landscape is fundamental to ensuring their long-term survival. The Mara

 Predator Conservation Program, a project of the Kenya Wildlife Trust, conducts targeted research to understand the dynamics of predator populations, assesses threats such species face (e.g., from agricultural encroachment, habitat fragmentation, poisoning and unsustainable tourism) and engages stakeholders in strategies for reducing human/wildlife conflict. The MPCP works across the Mara ecosystem in both the Maasai Mara National Reserve and the community conservancies that ring it. Its initial work has focused on lions and cheetahs. A new project on wild dogs has just been launched.

The Mara Naboisho Big Cat Project brings together community, researchers, NGOs, and Tourism Partners in Naboisho Conservancy in an effort to help secure the future of the Big Cats (lion, cheetah, and leopard). Currently the project has four major components: tracking, research, conflict mitigation, and community education. ICCF staff will discuss illegal wildlife trafficking challenges in Kenya and the broader region, as well as implications for national and regional security.

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Field visit to the Koyiaki Guiding School to be briefed by Principal Morris Nabaala

The Koyiaki Guiding School's mission is to provide education to local Maasai youth in the tourism industry and responsible land use thereby providing employment opportunities and promoting and encouraging conservation of the unique Maasai Mara ecosystem in general and the Koiyaki-Lemek conservation areas in particular.

1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Lunch briefing: Building Next Generation Impact Across the Maasai Mara's Community Conservancies

Mission participants will be briefed by park staff and experts from Kenya Wildlife Trust about the Building Next Generation Impact Across the Maasai Mara's Community Conservancies project, which seeks to: (1) strengthen and integrate management across the various conservancies; (2) enable the conservancies to become durable engines for local economic development through innovative, environmentally responsible tourism and livestock production; and (3) improve communications among key local stakeholders, including landowners, tourism partners, wildlife managers, and others.

3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Guided hike with Roelof Schutte, chief walking guide for Asilia, and Allan Earnshaw, Kenya Wildlife Trust.

Roelof will brief the delegation on the ecological value of biodiversity and its importance for the livelihoods of local communities as it provides ecosystem services and bases for tourism and income generation. Camp rangers will also discuss the challenges and successes of biodiversity conservation efforts within the Masai Mara Reserve and neighboring Serengeti National Park and observe the physical manifestations of the detriments of biodiversity loss and the benefits of biodiversity strength.

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Dinner briefing in the field with Allan Earnshaw, Kenya Wildlife Trust

Allan is a fourth generation Kenya whose family came to Kenya in 1896. A Partner and Director of Ker Downey Safaris since 1980, he is also a member of several other environment and conservation boards in addition to KWT, including the Kenya Private Sector Alliance and the Kenya Tourism Federation. He is also a former Board member

 of the Kenya Wildlife Service. Allan's key conservation goal is the creation of an independent national association of wildlife Conservancies that will include community and private landowners, the appropriate government institutions, the private sector and relevant NGOs.

Accommodations:

Naboisho Camp

Day 4, Sunday, August 18th:

Topics: Community Projects; Biodiversity in the Masai Mara

6:30 am- 9:30 am

Early breakfast briefing in the field on the importance of biodiversity & habitat protection to poverty alleviation and sustainable economic development enroute to Maa Trust.

As the world's population grows to over 9 billion in the next 40 years, the demand for food, water, and energy will double, further testing nature's ability to provide for people. The loss of natural resources, such as forests, fresh water, fertile soils, and natural pollinators, and the resulting competition for these increasingly scarce resources, can lead to increased poverty and negative impacts on human health and wellbeing. Natural resources are also essential to sustainable economic development.

9:30-10:30 am

Arrive at Maa Trust for presentation by Resia Sasine, Assistant Director of the Maa Trust.

The Maa Trust is a non-profit organization based in community-owned conservancies in the Maasai Mara, Kenya. They work to increase the benefits of wildlife and conservation to Maasai families so that they appreciate, and contribute to, the protection of wild animals on their land, and they aim to unite communities by involving them in conservation at a management level.

10:30 am

Depart to airstrip for charter flight to JKIA in Nairobi.

11:45 am

Arrival in JKIA in Nairobi.

1:45 pm

Depart JKIA on flight to Entebbe airport in Uganda. Arrival 3:00 pm